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Judiciary Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2500  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1032, AAC the Applicability of the Statute of Limitations to Construction and Design Actions brought by the State or a Political Subdivision of the state**

Members of the Judiciary Committee:

The Greater New Haven Chamber is a 220-year old business organization with members across a large spectrum of businesses and non-profits that works to shape public policy and foster growth in the business community.

The Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce strongly supports SB 1032 as the bill creates a much needed statute of limitations time frame for the state to bring legal action in certain construction projects and contracts. This bill is an appropriate response to addressing the Connecticut Supreme Court decision in State of Connecticut v. Lombardo , et al. the Court found a statute of limitations for commencing litigation does not apply to the State of Connecticut. The ruling has effectively left industry professionals working on state funded construction projects indefinitely liable for damages, including damage caused by aging building infrastructure and normal wear and tear over time. There needs to be a reasonable timeframe by which a contractor, those performing work on state funded project realize the project is complete and future damages are the responsibility of the owner. This bill accomplishes this purpose and the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce

As an organization and on behalf of our members, we hope that in all decisions, the legislature has a focus on making Connecticut a top 20 economy by 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Rescigno".

Anthony Rescigno  
President  
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce